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1 [ THIS HEARING ISN'T JUST ABOUT THE SHIPMENT OF IRRADIATED FUEL RODS THROUGH THE HOMETOWNS OF 50 MILLION AMERICANS. RATHER, IT'S PART OF THE LARGER <sup>MAYBE</sup> & EVEN MORE DANGEROUS ISSUE OF THE ALIENATION OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FROM THEIR GOV'T; WHEN THEY'RE MADE TO FEEL POWERLESS & EVEN EXPENDABLE BY THAT GOV'T.

IN THIS CASE PUBLIC CYNICISM WILL BE FUELED BY THIS HEARING ITSELF. EVEN THOUGH MANY OF THE CITIZENS HERE TODAY OPPOSE THIS UNSAFE SHIPMENT SCHEME, NONE WILL LIKELY BE SHOCKED WHEN THE DEPT OF ENERGY ULTIMATELY DOES JUST WHAT IT WANTED TO DO FROM THE BEGINNING.

2 [ IN FACT, MOST OF THE 50 MILLION PEOPLE WHO LIVE NEAR THE SHIPMENT ROUTES & WHO WILL BE EXPOSED TO THE RADIOACTIVE EQUIVALENT OF 2 1/2 MILLION ATOM BOMBS WON'T EVER KNOW IT'S EVEN HAPPENING UNLESS A DISASTER OCCURS. IN THAT CASE THEY WILL BE LIKE MANY OTHER POWERLESS & UNWITTING GUINEA PIGS IN OTHER IMMORAL GOV'T EXPERIMENTS, SUCH AS THE BLACK MEN WHO WERE ALLOWED TO DIE OF SYPHILIS IN TUSKEEGEE, ALABAMA.

HOWEVER, THE WINDS DON'T RECOGNIZE THE BOUNDARIES OF POLITICALLY POWERFUL & UNPOWERFUL STATES, & IF A DISASTER DOES OCCUR THE RADIATION WILL NOT ONLY AFFECT THE IMMEDIATE AREA, IT'LL AFFECT

3 MORE DISTANT AREAS AS WELL. SO UNLESS THE UNELECTED D.O.E. OFFICIALS WHO CAME UP WITH THIS SCHEME WANT TO INCLUDE THEMSELVES AS PART OF THE GROUP OF EXPENDABLE GUINEA PIGS, THEY SHOULD CONTINUE STORING THE FUEL RODS AT THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS.